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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL WRITING PROGRAM

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1. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING CONFLICTING SIGNALS FROM DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF THE WRITERS UNION BUT STILL BELIEVE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY A ROMANIAN WRITER MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1. PAO HAS APPOINTMENT WITH WRITERS UNION PRESIDENT TEODORESCU ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11, WHICH MAY CLARIFY MATTER.

2. WE ASSUME THAT "FORMER PARTICIPANT" MENTIONED IN PARA 2 REFTTEL IS JANOS SZASZ WHO MENTIONED TO PAO EARLY THIS WEEK THAT MEETING WITH TEODORESCU SHOULD HELP RESOLVE MATTER OF ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION. WITHOUT REFERRING TO AUREL RAU OR ANY OTHER WRITER, SZASZ SUGGESTED THAT DIRECT INVITATION FROM ENGLE TO WRITER HRE WITH COPY TO LUPAN MAY BE MOST EFFECTIVE PROCEDURE.

3. REGARDING AUREL RAU, DEPARTMENT AND ENGLE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HE IS NOT REGARDED AS TOP-FLIGHT WRITER BY MANY OF HIS ROMANIAN COLLEAGUES. NONETHELESS, EMBASSY IS WILLING TO DEFER TO ENGLE'S JUDGMENT IN THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO ENSURE ROMANIAN PARTICIPATION. WE PREFER TO WITHHOLD FURTHER COMMENT UNTIL WE HEAR WHOM TEODORESCU MIGHT PROPOSE.

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4. PROBLEM AT THIS END IS THAT SZASZ AND LUPAN HAVE

INDICATED TO US THEIR STRONG DESIRE THAT A ROMANIAN WRITER PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1. HOWEVER, WRITERS UNION VICE-PRESIDENT LAURENTIU FULGA AND OTHERS IN UNION APPEAR TO BE RELUCTANT TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME. WRITERS UNION PRESIDENT TEODORESCU APPEARS MORE WILLING TO ENDORSE PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME AS INDICATED IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AND PAO, HOWEVER, HE HAS BEEN OUT OF TOWN OR TOO BUSY WHILE IN TOWN TO FOCUS ON THIS QUESTION. LUPAN AND SZASZ FEEL HE WILL ACT POSITIVELY WHEN HE DOES SO.

5. POST WILL REPORT RESULTS ON MONDAY MEETING WITH TEODORESCU BY COB MONDAY WASHINGTON. BARNES

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